

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A device for attaching a hose to a housing, the device comprising:

first and second arms that are attached to the hose, wherein the first arm extends outward
5 from the hose toward the second arm and the second arm extends outward from the hose toward
the first arm.

2. The device of claim 1, further comprising:

an adapter having an opening on at least one end, wherein the hose is securely received
within the opening, and the first and second arms are attached to the adapter.

3. The device of claim 2, wherein the first and second arms are attached integrally to the
adapter.

4. The device of claim 1, wherein the first arm and the second arm each comprise:

a base portion; and

an end portion.

5. The device of claim 4, wherein respective base portions of the arms are attached to the hose in
a spaced apart relationship.

6. The device of claim 5, wherein respective end portions of the arms are attached to the base
portions and have a spaced apart relationship.

7. The device of claim 6, wherein the end portions define a longitudinal opening.
8. The device of claim 7, wherein the base portions define a crosswise opening.
9. The device of claim 8, wherein the longitudinal opening is transverse and in communication with the first crosswise opening.
- 5 10. The device of claim 9, wherein the longitudinal opening and the crosswise opening form a “T” shaped recess.
11. The device of claim 9, further comprising:
- an engagement member that is connectable to a housing, the engagement member adaptable to be received within the longitudinal opening and the crosswise opening.
12. The device of claim 11, wherein the engagement member comprises:
- a longitudinal portion and a crosswise portion.
13. The device of claim 12, wherein the longitudinal portion is transverse to and in communication with the crosswise portion.
14. The device of claim 13, wherein the longitudinal portion and the crosswise portion have a
- 15 “T” shape.
15. The device of claim 13, wherein the longitudinal portion can be received in the longitudinal opening and the crosswise portion can be received in the crosswise opening.
16. The device of claim 15, wherein the end portions are in contact with the longitudinal portion when the longitudinal portion is received in the longitudinal opening.

17. The device of claim 15, wherein the base portions and the end portions are in contact with the crosswise portion when the crosswise portion is received within the crosswise opening.

18. The device of claim 15, wherein the engagement member further comprises:

5 a plate that is connected to bottom sides of the longitudinal portion and the crosswise portion respectively.

19. The device of claim 18, wherein the plate is in contact with bottom sides of the end portions when the engagement member is received within the longitudinal opening and the crosswise opening.

20. A vacuum cleaner, comprising:

a hose having a first end and a second end; and

a housing, wherein the first end of the hose is attached to the housing through utilization of the device of claim 19.

21. The vacuum cleaner of claim 20, wherein the second end of the hose is attached to the housing through utilization of the device of claim 19.